Devolution 2013-073

## City of Diamondhead

## Resolution Adopting the Hancock County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, Diamondhead, Mississippi recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ("Disaster Mitigation Act") emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi fully participated in the FEMA-prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this local hazard mitigation plan; and

Whereas, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV officials have reviewed the Hancock County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body;

Whereas, the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Hancock County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan;

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for the *City of Diamondhead, Mississippi* demonstrates the jurisdiction's commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Whereas, adoption of this legitimacies the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi adopts the Hancock County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

**Be it resolved,** that the *City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi* adopts the Hancock County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference into the safety element of their comprehensive plan in accordance with the requirements of AB 2140, and

**Be it further resolved,** *the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi* will submit this adoption resolution to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and FEMA Region IV officials to enable the plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to establish conformance with the requirements of AB 2140.

SO Resolved, this the _5 day of _ November 2013
Councilmember Knobloch
Councilmember Lopez
Councilmember LaFontaine
Councilmember Sislow <u>Market</u>
Councilmember Rech
Mayor Schafer  Washington
APPROVED: Mayor Thomas E. Schafer, IV  ATTEST: Lolita McSwain  Deputy City Clerk
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE

Lolita McSwain
Deputy City Clerk